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P. 7-- . . . it appeared that the Legion in Austria was planning a special network for the sole benefit of General Radescu, but further details are unknown. The political position of the Legion in the summer of 1948 was becoming stronger and activity more open and aggressive. . . The main body of the Legion, partly in response to Radescu's directives and partly for obvious practical reasons, has officially foresworn politics, and in fact has announced that the movement as a political entity is dissolved.

P. 8--There is evidence in both the leaders and the rank and file a sincere admiration for General Radescu and a strong desire to cooperate with him in whatever measures he sees fit to take. At least one of the directives alleged to have come from him in the spring of 1948, ordering the organization and cooperation of all Rumanians regardless of political affiliation, and the formulation of plan to lead eventually to the liberation of the country, was acclaimed by the Legion as the first responsible proclamation issued by any Rumanian in exile. Radescu's reputation suffered somewhat by the long delay in forming a non-partisan exile committee, but most of the blame was laid at the door of the Peasant and Liberal Party men, who, in the Legion view, were continuing politics as usual in the face of the national 'emergency.' The Legion feels that Radescu, if not prejudiced in their favor, is at least just and a-political in his judgments of them, and that he is a man of sufficient intelligence and reputation to perform the task

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of keeping the political parties in line while directing the main effort of all Rumanians toward the liberation. At the same time they will not hesitate to criticize his actions if it appears to them necessary. In late summer 1948 rumors that Radescu had formed a committee with a very political-sounding name were greeted with complete dissatisfaction and disappointment, not only by the Legionnaires, but by Rumanian DPs in general.

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